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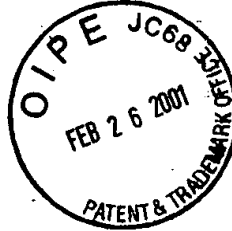
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**Attention: Application Branch**



Attorney Docket: 31590-168125 RK

Re: Patent Application of  
Inventor : Robert RICHARDSON et al.  
Serial No. : 09/725,175  
Filed : November 29, 2000  
For: SWITCHING ARRANGEMENT

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS**

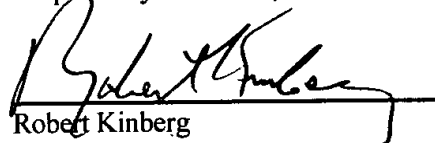
In response to the Missing Parts Notice of January 12, 2001 submitted herewith are:

- (X) Remittance of \$710.00 filing fee, surcharge of \$130.00, and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00.
- (X) Declaration/Power of Attorney.
- (X) Assignment and coversheet.
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement, PTO form 1449, and references
- (X) Priority <sup>British</sup> is claimed under 35 USC 119 from ~~German~~ Patent Application No.9928074.5 filed November 29, 1999 (certified copy enclosed).

**TOTAL FEE DUE: \$880.00**

Should no remittance be attached, or should a greater or lesser fee be required, please charge or credit our Deposit Account No. 22-0261 and notify us accordingly.

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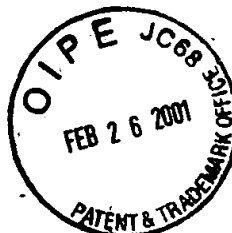


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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.
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